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App. No. 09/992,608  
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Reply to Office action of October 9, 2003

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No. : 09/992,608 Confirmation No. 8410  
Applicant : Gerard Soriano  
Filed : November 19, 2001  
Title : PROCESS AND DEVICE FOR CHECKING FORCES APPLIED  
ON A FUEL ASSEMBLY IN A TRANSPORT CONTAINER  
TC/A.U. : 2855  
Examiner : Lilybett Martir  
Docket No. : 34132  
Customer No.: 00116

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Amendment "A"

Sir:

By this amendment, sixteen claims remain pending in this application, including three independent claims.

In response to the Office action of October 9, 2003, please amend the above identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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